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1. AT GUATEMALA CITY, RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS HAS RESULTED IN A REALIGNMENT OF THE GUATEMALAN NARCOTICS SECTION FROM THE CORPS OF DETECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, TO A SEPARATE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. IMMEDIATE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. THE GCDO AND THE AMEMBASSY LOOK UPON THIS MOVE AS A POSITIVE STEP IN UPGRADING THE CALIBRE OF OFFICERS IN THIS FIELD AND AS AN OPTIMISTIC GESTURE THAT NARCOTIC EFFORTS WILL RECEIVE MORE PRIORITY WITHIN THE GOG IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE CHIEF OF THE NEW NARCOTICS SECTION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE IS INSPECTOR JUAN JOSE VELIZ MORALES WHO HAD HEADED PREDECESSOR AGENCY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL BE ADDED AS NEEDED FROM GRADUATES OF THE
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NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY WHO DISPLAY A CERTAIN APTITUDE FOR THIS TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT. THE GRUP CONSISTS INITIALLY OF TWENTY MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE WOMEN. CHIEF VELIZ IS AN ALUMNUS FROM THE DEA INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL AND HAS ATTENDED THE LAST IDEA CONFERENCE AT CHILE.

3. AT EL SALVADOR, MAJOR ROBERTO CANIZALES, WHO RECENTLY

RETURNED FROM THE LAST DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL, WAS TRANSFERRED FROM HIS POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY, TO HEAD THE NEWLY FORMED NARCOTIC SECTION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. MAJOR CANIZALES HAS FORMED A GROUP SIMILAR TO THAT AT GUATEMALA AND IS CENTRALIZING NARCOTIC INFORMATION WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

4. THE GCDO, AS PER TELECON BETWEEN SA ROCHAN AND SA CANAS ON 03/03/78, HAS REQUESTED TWO SLOTS IN THE UPCOMING DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL, ONE FOR GUATEMALA AND ONE FOR EL SALVADOR. IN DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE NATIONAL POLICE, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT CANDIDATES FOR THIS SCHOOL WOULD HAVE TO BE PERSONNEL WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING IN THE NARCOTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. IT WOULD BE REQUESTED THAT THE PRESENT DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMIES WHO ARE CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL BE THE CANDIDATES FOR THIS SCHOOL.

5. BOTH NARCOTIC SECTIONS HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE GCDO IN THE FIELD OF TRAINING. THE GCDO FEELS THAT RELIEF IN THIS AREA COULD BE OBTAINED BY TRAINING THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING WITHIN THE POLICE ACADEMIES. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION EACH IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL.

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